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POLICY STATEMENT NO. 28

HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST (91W) TRANSITION AND SUSTAINMENT

1. References.

- a. DA Pam 600-8-21, Soldier Applications Program, 28 July 1995.
- b. TC 8-800, Semi-Annual Combat Medic Skills Validation Test (SACMS-VT), June 2002.

2. This policy statement concerns the transition of enlisted soldiers currently in military occupational specialties (MOS) 91B and 91C at Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center to MOS 91W. It also concerns the requirements for a soldier assigned to KACC to maintain MOS 91W after it has been awarded.

3. Soldiers will be selected for transition to MOS 91W from the KACC 91W Order of Merit List, which is based on grade and date of rank. Selected soldiers will process through Nursing Education and Staff Development (NESD) in order to obtain an information packet and course instructions. The 91W course for KACC's soldiers will be administered by and at KACC. Soldiers participating in 91W courses will be exempted from all other duties during class hours. Within five days after completing the 91W course, soldiers will submit copies of all class documents concerning themselves to NESD.

4. After a soldier has completed the 91W Course, NESD will prepare a course completion certificate for the soldier on DA Form 87, Certificate of Training, which will be signed by the MEDDAC Commander. After the certificate has been signed, NESD will make two copies. The original will be presented to the soldier, one copy will be maintained with the soldier's 91W file at NESD, and one copy will be forwarded to Military Personnel Division (MPD) within 5 duty days of the soldier completing the course.

5. Upon receiving a 91W Course completion certificate from NESD, MPD will prepare and process DA Form 4187, Personnel Action, to request the soldier's reclassification to MOS 91W in accordance with reference 1a.

6. Soldiers who fail to meet the standards of the 91W Course will be formally counseled on DA Form 4856, Developmental Counseling Form, then retrained on identified weaknesses. Soldiers who fail to complete the course after three attempts will be considered for reclassification into a non-medical MOS; however, every effort must be made to assist all soldiers to meet the standards.

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7. After a soldier has been awarded MOS 91W, he or she must be re-certified in the MOS every six months. In accordance with reference 1b, "Failure to maintain this certification will result in reclassification. National Registry requirements include biennial (every 2 years) completion of 48 hours of continuing education (Sustainment training); 24 hours of EMT [emergency medical technician] refresher; American Heart Association (AHA) Health Care Provider level CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] certification; and verification of skill maintenance. Validation of skills proficiency using the SACMS-VT will satisfy the direct observation of skills requirement and achieve the 'band of excellence.'"

8. Civilian EMT and Basic Trauma Life Support courses that meet 91W transition and sustainment standards, as determined by NESD, are authorized at no expense to the government.

9. Responsibilities.

a. NESD and Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Division have a shared responsibility for ensuring that information relative to soldiers holding 91W MOS is updated and maintained in the Military Occupational Data System.

b. NESD is responsible for tracking, monitoring and assessing KACC's 91W Sustainment Program.

c. The individual and his or her supervisor have a shared responsibility to ensure that the individual's sustainment requirements are met and accomplished. This must be a priority.

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